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AT A GLANCE

Chapel service set for Tuesday

The chapel is hosting an Inter-faith Thanksgiving Service Tuesday, at 7 p.m. in the Base Chapel. Everyone is invited. For more information, call 643-6021.

HAWC mobile van visits housing

The McClellan Health and Wellness Center van will visit the Youth Center parking lot in Capehart Housing Tuesday, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Staff will offer cholesterol and blood pressure screening and provide Health Risk Appraisals. For information, call the HAWC at 643-4648.

Tops in Blue Dec. 5

Tops in Blue is set for Dec. 5 7:30 p.m. at the ARCO Arena. Volunteers are needed. For information, call 643-6660.

Holiday closure

All Exchange Facilities and Contractual Operations will be closed to observe Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 25

Workers' compensation visit from Hill Air Force Base Monday

The Civilian Personnel Office at Hill Air Force Base assumed responsibility for processing McClellan workers' compensation claims in September.

A representative from Hill Air Force Base will be available by appointment on Monday for employees or supervisors who wish to discuss specific claims. Appointments will be held in Bldg. 10, Room 100. They are limited and will be on a first-come first-serve basis. Appointments can be made by contacting Ginny Chiles by e-mail or by phone at 643-5702 from 12 to 3 p.m. daily.

Holiday *Spacemaker* delivery

Next weeks edition of the *Spacemaker* will be delivered on Friday, Nov. 26 because of the Thanksgiving holiday.

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U.S. Air Force photo by Alica Doyle

Veteran's Day ceremony

More than 100 military and civilians gathered last Thursday to honor the service of America's veterans at the McClellan Community Center. As Taps sounded in the background, Technical Sgt. Ed Ramirez, local Air Force Sergeants Association Chapter vice president, and Nancy Wheeler, president of its auxiliary, laid wreaths at the base of the memorial. Col. Michael J. Iltis, 77th Support Group commander and guest speaker told the assembled crowd "... we can take solace in the fact that on this 11th day of the 11th month in 1999, a mere 50 days from the dawn of a new millenium, we not only remembered but we once again bonded with our responsibility, our heritage, and our veteran spirit".

Airman's Manual hits streets

By Capt. John N. Bryan

Air Education and Training Command Public Affairs

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) — The Air Force has released the 177-page Airman's Manual to bases across the service to educate the force on fundamental skills needed for deployed environments.

People can get a copy of the manual through their unit orderly rooms, or on the Internet. They can also e-mail the Web site's administrators at airmans.manual@randolph.af.mil, and provide feedback about any needed changes or additions through the site.

Air Force Manual 10-100 is a key tool for the Air Force's transition to the expeditionary aerospace force, according to Maj. Eric Schnaible, spokesman for the EAF Implementation Directorate at the Air Staff, during an interview with Air Force Print News.

"This is a field book for people to have at their fingertips," he said. "This manual lays out the basics

so all members can meet the mission in austere locales just as well as we would be able to at fixed bases."

The manual covers areas such as deployment procedures, host-nation sensitivities, personal hygiene and anti-terrorism procedures. Color photos and graphics help illustrate the manual's step-by-step guidance. And, it is designed to fit into a battle dress uniform or flight suit pocket.

"It's important for our people to have the best information available if we are to stay on the leading edge of readiness as an expeditionary aerospace force," said Maj. Gen. William Welser III, Air Education and Training Command director of operations. "To help achieve this, we must keep the Airman's Manual up to date and feedback from the field is critical in this effort. Our Web site offers our troops a chance to learn more about the manual as well as providing inputs to keep it a viable, living document. In its current format, the Airman's Manual is a quick reference every member can carry to the fight." (Courtesy of AETC News Service)

CGOC prepares breakfast feast for dorm residents

By 2nd Lt. Robert A. Firman
Chief, Internal Information

Enlisted members of Team McClellan living in the Mission Support Squadron dorm woke up to the smells of bacon and pancakes cooking in the kitchen Wednesday.

Members of McClellan's Company Grade Officers Council prepared breakfast for junior enlisted dorm residents. Eighteen lieutenants and captains began cooking breakfast at 5:30 a.m. and served about 130 dorm residents. Aside from a brief incident with a fire alarm and some smoky bacon, the event was a success.

"The junior enlisted troops make a huge contribution

to the success of the mission at McClellan," said Capt. Soleiman Rahel, Section Commander for the Mission Support Squadron and coordinator of the breakfast feast. "This is our way of recognizing their efforts and saying thanks."

Putting together a project like this takes a coordinated effort. "We owe thanks to Outdoor Recreation, Club McClellan, the Protocol office, the dorm manager and bay orderlies. We also had a lot of help from our CGOs who cooked a great breakfast," said Rahel.

The CGOC plans to do other events like this in the future. "As long as we have enough people to help make events like this happen, we'll be involved in things like this," Rahel concluded.

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Stop light adjusted

Q I've noticed a problem with the traffic light between Palm Street and Dudley Boulevard. The red light stays on for about three minutes in the morning. I just wanted to let you know before people get impatient and run the red light.

A Thank you for your observation of the traffic light at Palm Street and Dudley Boulevard. In an investigation of the traffic signal, it was discovered that water had leaked into a splice box, causing a conflict in loop detectors. A work order has been submitted to the appropriate contractors, who will correct the deficiency.

Bus passes available soon

Q How can I acquire bus passes for next year to get on base? Thanks.

A At this time, the Environmental Management Directorate is expecting to receive the new Regional Transit bus passes by Dec. 1. Look for the information to be in the Spacemaker, or in the rideshare website www.mcclellan.af.mil/rideshare. The bus passes will be available by visiting the EM Rideshare Office located in Bldg. 269D. If you need further information, please call Al Armfield, SMALC/EMPW at 643-0931, Ext. 7.



Col. Charlie Cotter
77th Air Base Wing commander

Hi. I'm Col. Charlie Cotter and I am the commander of the 77th Air Base Wing. I value the opportunity to serve you, members of the McClellan community. The Action Line is your direct link to focus my attention on something you feel I should know. It may be used to highlight an area where you have received exceptional service. The Action Line is also your means to tell me about a challenge or issue that you have not been able to resolve.

Certainly, it is best to first try to resolve the issue with the responsible agency, since ultimately that is where the issue will get fixed. Another means to address a problem is through your chain of command. But, if neither of these approaches resolves the issue to your satisfaction, let me know in your Action Line call what the challenge is and how you think it could be resolved to your satisfaction. I look forward to serving all members of the McClellan community.

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Racing for dollars

By 2nd Lt. Robert Firman
Chief, Internal Information

Fourteen teams took to the track Nov. 10 to raise money for the Combined Federal Campaign. Four- and eight-person teams competed in a two-mile relay.

"This is the first time we've ever done an event like this for the CFC," said Lt. Col. Andrea Braboy, commander of the 77th Communications Squadron and coordinator of this year's CFC effort. "A relay race like this raises a lot of money for some great causes and raises awareness of CFC. We've had a great turnout and this has been a lot of fun."

The 652nd Combat Logistics Support Squadron posted the quickest two-mile time in the eight-person team category with 9:14. The Defense Microelectronics Activity took honors as the fastest four-person team with a time of 11:32. The Financial Management office had five teams participate in the relay, more than any other organization on base.

"Frankly, we didn't expect base-wide response to be as good this year with so many people leav-

ing," said 2nd Lt. Donnel Myrick, section commander for the 938th Engineering Installation Squadron and loaned executive officer to the CFC for tenant units. "However, we have been very surprised and pleased at how good the response has been. We've had a lot of people contributing

and even quite a few giving double what they did in previous years."

The CFC is in its sixth and final week. As of Nov. 12, the base had reached most of its fundraising goals with more than \$210,182 raised. Friday is the final day of the campaign.



Competitors in the Combined Federal Campaign relay Nov. 10 strive to beat the pack.



U.S. Air Force photos by 2nd Lt. Robert Firman

Larry Morris with the Defense Microelectronics Activity Combined Federal Campaign relay team approaches the finish line.

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Voicing concerns curbs abuse of authority



F Y I G

From Your Inspector General

Col. Michael F. Turner
Inspector General

Take it from the Inspector General to point this out, but the right to complain is a key element of preventing the abuse of authority or corruption. Our country has the greatest Constitution in both content and practice in the world. This inspired framework for our form of government provides protections for our liberty and way of life. One of the great privileges we have is serving our country in the military or federal service. If we do it well and faithfully, we can help preserve our vital institutions and way of life. When integrity is replaced by deception, officials are not accountable for their conduct, or fraudulent conduct is not corrected, our whole system can break down. Compared to many nations, we have a wonderful system.

The right to address complaints of wrong doing to a superior, the commander, the inspector general, or even your congressman, is an essential element in preserving our democratic way of life. Little sores, if left to fester, can grow infected until they affect the whole body. So it is with problems in our work place; if left unresolved for long periods of time, they can grow out of control and infect the whole organization.

When Col. Hal Rhoads, former commander of

the Technical Operations Division, left McClellan Air Force Base last year to be the air attache in Moscow, I asked him if the Russian military had a good complaints program. To his knowledge, they did not even have an Inspector General complaints system. That may partially explain why the Russian military has so many serious problems. When Russian troops are unpaid, mistreated, or abused by superiors, they have no responsive complaints system to investigate and correct deficiencies. Some of this situation evolved from the old Communist, autocratic systems of the past.

This month marks the 10-year anniversary since the Berlin Wall came down. Not long after that, the Soviet Union separated into separate republics. It has been a real struggle for those new countries to figure out how a democracy should work. As an Air Force captain assigned to Germany from 1978-1981, I made frequent trips to Berlin on the U.S. Army troop train. The Communists required the train to travel overnight, so we would not be able to view East Germany in the light of day. They also had several checkpoints along the way. I recall looking out the windows and seeing the armed Communist soldiers from the Soviet Union and East Germany insuring that no one left or entered the trains.

In the divided city of Berlin, we could move freely in the western sector, but the east was tightly controlled. Any U.S. military personnel going into the eastern sector of Berlin had to be in service dress uniform and have a special pass. Then they were closely observed while in that sector. In my many visits to the main entry point between east and west, known as Checkpoint Charlie, I remember the incredible tension we felt as we viewed

the barbed wire and heavily armed guards patrolling the wall. The difference in appearance between the modernized western sector and the drab, depressed eastern sector was striking. Many East Berliners lost their lives trying to flee into West Berlin. A few of those who risked their lives made it through. Those who didn't, spilled their blood for the freedom all the residents of Berlin enjoy today.

On another occasion, I was driving my parents to Berlin from Frankfurt, Germany. Since Berlin was a fair distance from the border of East and West Germany, we had to drive through East Germany. We were required to stop at checkpoints along the way, and our paperwork had to be in perfect order. One of the checkpoints was not well marked and I inadvertently drove past it. I had to backtrack or I would be unable to enter Berlin. When I tried to turn around, to my horror, I found myself surrounded by Communist guards. I thought, now I've ruined my parents' visit. I prayed that we would not be arrested, and suddenly the guards backed off and waved us through a barrier, allowing us to return to the checkpoint.

When I contemplate the blessings of freedom we enjoy in contrast to what I observed behind the iron curtain, I am thankful for our great Constitution and the privilege of serving our country. We are free to complain or report unjust conduct so as to keep our system of government strong and healthy. As we compare what we have with the rest of the world, every member of this base has something to be thankful for next Thursday when we celebrate Thanksgiving Day. Perhaps this is one day of the year when we won't have much to complain about.

Y2K bug doomed by HAM operators' plan to help

By Rudy Purificato

311th Human Systems Wing

While the Y2K bug's timely demise is planned within Air Force computers on New Year's Day, some bases may still use an 'old net' to ensure communications isn't abuzz with the sound of silence.

Air Force base disaster planners are looking to cast a wide network of amateur radio operators into the potential role of providing backup support if communications systems are disrupted.

"On Dec. 31 and Jan. 1, HAMS (radio operators) will be supporting a wide variety of government agencies, utilities, hospitals and other critical public functions," said HAM operator Dave Misek, program manager for the Air Force Research Laboratory's Electronic Warfare Branch, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.

Despite the amateur radio community's long tradition of providing assistance during large-scale emergencies, HAMS who work on, or live near, Air Force bases aren't taking any chances with Y2K.

This year, they've been preparing for the computer nemesis through simulated base exercises. "We in the amateur radio community are prepared. We provide a really valuable resource, especially if a base communications system fails," Misek explains.

Since March, HAMS operating in the vicinity of Wright-Patterson AFB have been planning for the Y2K event. The Aeronautical Systems Center Inspector General used HAMS during a simulated tornado disaster. Misek says, "The objective of the test was to maintain communications during a simulated widespread electrical

power outage."

HAMS have their own battery power supply and can operate with equal efficiency at fixed stations or from vehicle-mounted mobile units. During the base exercise, HAMS were positioned at the command post, hospital and fire department.

In October 1999, HAMS nationwide conducted an American Radio Relay League-sanctioned Simulated Emergency Test (SET). "This exercise and the support to Y2K is actually part of a larger plan to eventually include amateur radio communications as part of bases' disaster planning program," Misek said.

Active HAM clubs at Keesler AFB, Miss., Elmendorf AFB, Alaska, and Nellis AFB, Nev., have provided valuable backup communications support over the years. These and other operators have established a reputation for reliability during emergencies, supporting community and base relief efforts.

For most of the 20th century HAM operators have provided crucial communications support to various communities and military installations when disasters have occurred. Misek said HAMS took to the airwaves to relay vital communications during emergency relief efforts following the recent flooding in North Carolina, earthquakes in Turkey and Taiwan and Hurricane Floyd in the Bahamas. "HAMS provided the only communications out of the Bahamas following that disaster," Misek said.

Licensed by the Federal Communications Commission, HAMS operate within a specific wave band within the Radio Frequency spectrum, allocated only for amateur radio operations. In return for this special designation, HAMS serve as America's standby emergency

communications service.

"HAMS can be deployed in a moment's notice," Misek said. He explained that amateur radio can be used in a variety of applications during emergencies compared to the Military Affiliate Radio System. MARS was initially established decades ago before the advent of the Internet to provide military members and their families a way of communicating with one another during overseas deployments.

There are not many MARS stations left at state-side military bases. Wright-Patterson AFB's MARS station was shut down two years ago. The short-term goal for HAMS operating in the Dayton, Ohio area is to become an integral part of military emergency disaster planning. "Our next step is to coordinate with base planners to have HAM operation written into the base's emergency disaster plan," says Misek. However, he is unaware of similar efforts at other bases where HAMS are active.

Gen. George Babbitt, Air Force Materiel Command commander, values HAMS' past Air Force support. He thanked them for their work during the 3rd Annual Air Force Marathon held in September at Wright-Patterson AFB. A total of 60 HAM operators were positioned near base security, transportation, medical and public affairs personnel at various points along the race course. Misek says, "We supplemented base communications during a highly intense (period) of message traffic."

Misek said HAMS nationwide have long-term plans for community support beyond the Y2K event. Says he, "We want to make amateur radio a permanent part of a community's disaster emergency communications plan."



McClellan Crime Beat

Presented by the 77th Security Forces Squadron

The following incidents were selected directly from the 77th Security Forces Squadron daily police blotters.

Oct. 2
· Security Forces responded to Wherry Housing for a report of a domestic assault. An active duty member was apprehended for Assault and Underage Drinking. Commander's Action is pending.

· Fire department and Security Forces responded to an In-Flight emergency. The aircraft landed without incident.

Oct. 3
· The son of a retired military member was detained for shoplifting at Bldg 911 Base Exchange. His shopping privileges were suspended for six months.

Oct. 4
· The wife of a military member was detained for shoplifting at Bldg 911 Base Exchange. Her shopping privileges were suspended for six months.

Oct. 5
· An Army member turned himself in for desertion at the Law Enforcement Desk. Contact was made with appropriate Army personnel who confirmed his status. The member was issued a provisional pass and transported to billeting until transfer arrangements could be made. The member was returned to his unit the following day to face desertion charges.

Oct. 6
· A Civilian Employee entered this office and related that he had been

assaulted at his work place by a co-worker. The victim received medical attention at an off base facility. Commander's action is pending.

Oct. 8
· Fire department personnel reported they were responding to Bldg 242 for a sewage spill. The spill was contained and the scene was declared safe. The response was terminated without incident.

Oct. 10
· The son of a retired military member was detained for shoplifting at Bldg 911 Base Exchange. His shopping privileges were suspended for six months.

Oct. 11
· Medical and fire department personnel responded to Capehart Housing for a report of a Military Family Member Son having abdominal pain. The Emergency Medical Technician determined that there was no need to transport the MFM/S. The parents decided to transport the MFM/S to Travis AFB Medical Facility.

Oct. 12
· An Army Member turned himself in for being AWOL at the law enforcement desk. Contact was made with the appropriate Army personnel who confirmed his status. The member was issued a provisional pass and transported to billeting until transfer arrangements could be made. The member was returned to his unit the following day to face charges for being AWOL.

Oct. 13
· The daughter of a retired military member was detained for shoplifting at Bldg 911 Base Exchange. Her shopping privileges were suspended for six months.

Oct. 14
· A retired military member was detained for shoplifting at Bldg 911 Base Exchange. The retired member's shopping privileges were suspended for six months.

Oct. 15
· Fire department personnel responded to Bldg 678 for a report of a 55-gallon drum of an unknown substance that had exploded. Environmental management determined the substance to be a non-hazardous material. The response was terminated without further incident.

Oct. 18
· An active duty was detained at the visitors reception center for driving under the influence of alcohol. The individual was transported to the law enforcement desk for further processing. The individual was released to appropriate personnel.

Oct. 25
· Fire department personnel and Sacramento paramedics responded to Bldg 910 for a report of a civilian employee involved in an electrical explosion. He was immediately transported to UC Davis Medical Center for medical screening and treatment.

Oct. 26
· The son of a military member

was detained for shoplifting at Bldg 911 Base Exchange. His shopping privileges were suspended for six months.

Oct. 29
· Fire department personnel responded to Bldg 783M for a report of a man falling from the tailgate of a pick up truck. The individual was transported to UC Davis Medical Center for medical screening and treatment.

· An Army Reservist was detained for shoplifting at Bldg 911 Base Exchange. The Army Reservist's shopping privileges were suspended for six months. Commander's action is pending.

(Compiled by AIC Mary La Bouff, 77th Security Forces Squadron)

Did you know?

No person shall operate a motor vehicle on a highway unless that person and all passengers 16 years of age or over are properly restrained by a safety belt. DD Form 1805/Federal Magistrate's Court Bail Amount: \$20.00. DD Form 1408/Armed Forces Traffic Ticket (1st offense): 15-day suspension of on base driving privileges.

[Reference: California Vehicle Code 27315(d) and Security Forces Reports and Analysis.]

Military Family Week observance begins Monday

This year, Monday through Nov. 28, has been set aside as Military Family Week. The Armed Services YMCA is a major sponsor for this recognition program, and has been for several years. The Armed Services YMCA understands that our military families make many contributions and sacrifices in meeting the challenges of life in the Armed Forces. It is only fitting, that we as a nation take time out to recognize and thank our military families for all that they do. President Clinton, in a letter to every one who is celebrating this event, said

"Our military families are the heart of our nation's Armed forces. They provide the love, encouragement, and support that our service men and women need to sustain them in all their endeavors. Time and again, military duty has called our young uniformed men and women to trouble spots around the world. And time and again, answering that call to duty has meant families would be separated — for months and sometimes years at a time. The President went on to say: "Our thoughts are with all of you who must be apart during the holiday season, and we rejoice with those of

you who have been reunited after lengthy separations."

"We have some great events planned for this week on base, and at the Youth Center to help celebrate this occasion," said Aaron Tolliver, Community Support Center Director. "Personnel can stop by the Child Development Center; Youth Center; Library; Family Advocacy Office and the Community Support Center to see the winning poster for this years Military Family Week observance.

This years winning entry was submitted by a 10-year-old who is stationed at Kadena Air Base, Okinawa.

The CSC will also have on display some paintings that were done by children from the Youth Center. Youth Center children will make other displays to depict their military family, and the Youth Center will award a certificate to the most helpful volunteer family member. On Tuesday, both the CDC and Youth Center will be sponsoring their annual holiday dinner for the children and their parents. At this time there will be a commemorative cake to thank military families for their contribu-

tions and support.

According to Tolliver, for our military personnel who are currently deployed throughout the world, the CSC has sent them an Air Drop package that contains copies of the Spacemaker, information on base programs and services, other hand-out materials and a holiday card with Thanksgiving Day greetings. The family members of those deployed military members will be receiving a holiday greeting card and a certificate thanking them for their success in meeting the challenges of life in the Armed Forces, and for their contributions to the well-being of the military community.

During this week, the CSC will provide each family member that visits their center with a little token keepsake with their appreciation.

The CDC, Youth Center, Library, Family Advocacy Office, the CSC as well as the many other base helping agencies join together, and are proud to support the men and women of the Armed Forces and their family members. *(Submitted by the Community Support Center)*

Commander racks up more than 10,000 flight hours

By George Wayrynen
Public Affairs

The seas are rolling and pounding against your craft. The answer to your radio call for help can barely be heard. Suddenly, your radio goes out. Your only concern becomes, "will we be found in time?"

Commander Rick Savage of the United States Coast Guard Air Station Sacramento at McClellan Air Force Base is on the receiving end of such calls for help. During a recent rescue, Savage surpassed 10,000 military flight hours. This is a rare mark for military pilots.

Piloting a Lockheed C-130 "Hercules" into stormy skies to save and protect lives comes easy for someone with a passion for aviation.

Savage said, "I have seen military pilots leaving the services throughout my career. The need for experienced military pilots increased my dedication to the military service and our nation's needs."

Born in San Mateo, Calif., his passion for aviation started early, while growing up in Sacramento. As a young boy, he would ride his bicycle up Watt Avenue to get closer to McClellan's runway. He spent hours waiting for the planes to pass overhead, during their take-offs and landings. Sitting next to his bicycle, he would dream of being the pilot flying those planes.

He graduated from college at Berkeley, Calif. and joined the U.S. Marines, where his dream of aviation began. He logged 1,000 hours flying Cobra helicopters for the Marines. After six years with the Marines, he left to work as a helicopter and aircraft commercial pilot. Three years in commercial aviation showed him that his real desires for flying would only be served in military service. He joined the U.S. Coast Guard, where he logged 900 hours in the H-3 helicopter and 600 hours in the H-65 helicopter.

Taking part in a four year Exchange Tour from the Coast Guard to the Navy gave Savage many memorable experiences. As an Advanced Maritime Instructor Pilot for the Naval Air Training Command, he logged 2,500 hours in the T-44 King Air. He logged 1,000 hours flying the T-2C Navy "Buckeye," as an Intermediate Strike Instructor Pilot. A unique distinction gained from his time in the Exchange Tour is being the Coast Guard's only active duty "carrier qualified" "Tail Hooker."

Piloting the C-130 "Hercules" for the Coast Guard, he has logged more than 4,000 hours. Savage said, "Spotting someone from the air allows the rescue ships, already headed for the general area, to pinpoint the location of their rescue effort." His rescue area is from Alaska to throughout the Pacific Rim.

His most memorable rescue was the time a Search And Rescue Satellite had picked up a distress signal from a pleasure craft. They had a medical emergency and needed immediate help. The rescue required numerous coordinated efforts to complete the tasks involved. He covered 1,100 miles in his part of the rescue. The person with the medical emergency



U.S. Air Force photo by George Wayrynen

Commander Rick Savage of the U. S. Coast Guard Air Station Sacramento at McClellan Air Force Base recently surpassed 10,000 military flight hours.

had heart problems. He was 7 feet tall and weighed 450 pounds. The rescue effort involved the Coast Guard, U.S. Air Force, and air fueling of those in the air. According to the doctor, "the patient had made it to the hospital, just in time." "The time saved in coordinating the tasks is what saved his life. It was a great coordinated effort and I was proud to be part of it," said Savage.

The most difficult rescue Savage recalled was near San Diego, Calif. This happened on the coast in Mexican air space. A rock climber had a broken hip and was stranded on a high cliff. "We needed more power than the available helicopter could achieve, so we stripped everything from the helicopter that was not needed for flight or frame support," said Savage. "We had to load minimum fuel and have enough to get back. During the rescue, we pushed the helicopter to its limits. A rescue like this involves guessing, which is supported by previous experiences. When a rescue like this is over, you have time to consider just how difficult it was."

"I have had several in flight emergencies," said Savage. "You recall the ones, where you believed that your life was over. I was flying an H-3 helicopter along the San Diego coast. The main gear began to come apart. I fought the helicopter all the way to the beach. I somehow landed it on the beach and survived. You are glad for every moment of training that you ever received, as you walk away."

His most memorable moments are being an instructor pilot for the Naval Air Training Command. Flights from the carrier's deck in the Navy's T-2C "Buckeye" as an instructor are memories that will always be with him.

His most fun flying was as a first lieutenant working in the movie "Top Gun." He was the co-pilot in the rescue part of the movie, where the helicopter picked up Tom Cruise from the ocean. "It involved six hours of flying, just for that part of the movie. But off camera, I met a lot of great people," he said.

Savage has logged flying time in many other types of military aircraft. He is a Federal Aviation Agency Designated Pilot Examiner for the C-130 and other fixed and rotary wing aircraft.

Future aviators have benefited from Savage's passion for aviation. After the closing of the McClellan Air Force Base Aero Club, Savage, who was their Chief Flight Instructor, became the Chief Flight Instructor at the Travis Air Force Base Aero Club. "I am always flying everyday with rescues, the Aero Club or my own aircraft," he said. His free time is spent administering check rides.

His family has also developed a passion for aviation. His wife enjoys flying with him on trips or just going up to enjoy the sunny skies. Their daughter has plans to become a pilot and will solo in the near future. Their son is learning to fly and has future plans of attending the U.S. Naval Academy.

"Commander Savage's 10,000 hour mark is a tremendous accomplishment that very few military pilots achieve. Especially considering that these are accident free flight hours," said Captain B.R. Slack, his commanding officer.

Savage has taught hundreds of people to fly, whether completing their first solo or passing an in flight exam. Both military and civilian aviators have added their smiles to Commander Savage's collection of memories.

Health benefits open season -- Nov. 8 – Dec. 13

The 1999 Federal Employees Health Benefits Open Season for enrollment in health benefits plans is being held from Nov. 8 through Dec. 13. Open Season offers employees an opportunity to enroll in a health plan, change from one plan to another, or change from a self-only to a self and family enrollment. Enrollments or changes made during Open Season become effective on Jan. 2, 2000. One provider, OMNI Healthcare of California, will be dropping out of the program at the end of this year. During Open Season, employees currently enrolled in OMNI must select a new plan.

There are limited opportunities to enroll in or make changes to health insurance coverage outside of Open Season. If an employee believes he or she may lose non-federal coverage during the coming year, Open Season may be the *only* opportunity to enroll.

In order to continue FEHB as a retiree you must have participated in the program for the five years of service immediately preceding retirement, with the following exception: There is currently a waiver of the five-year requirement in effect for employees who retire with a separation incentive, under

early out conditions, or under discontinued service conditions due to reduction-in-force. However, these employees must have been enrolled in FEHB as of Oct. 1, 1996. It is NOT necessary to maintain coverage with the same health insurance company for five years. Employees with CHAMPUS or TRI CARE coverage are also exempt from the five-year rule. Such employees need only be enrolled in FEHB at retirement *meaning* if you want FEHB coverage you should enroll now—you **MAY NOT** enroll at the time of retirement.

Employees may pick up plan bro-

chures, which normally arrive the second week of Open Season, and enrollment forms from Civilian Personnel, Bldg. 10, between the hours of 12 and 3 p.m. daily. No changes will be accepted after 3 p.m. Dec. 13. More information on this program can be obtained from McClellan's web page through Quick Links to Civilian Personnel and from the Office of Personnel Management's web site at www.opm.gov/insure. If you have questions regarding the FEHB Program or Open Season, call the Benefits Section at 643-5702 during open hours.

SPECIAL THANKS FOR SUPPORT IN
A TIME OF NEED

To the men and women of the Logistic Directorate and closure warehouse,

My family and I would like to thank you for your contributions, your support and phone calls, of the passing away of my father. When we look back, what we'll remember most are those times when kindness made a difference in our life. Thank you and God bless.

Technical Sgt. Peter Larsen and family

WILL MISS TEAM MCCLELLAN
ONCE IT'S CLOSED

To Whomever.....

I am just a civilian who stopped by your base to view the aircraft museum several days ago.

It appeared to me you have a wonderful base (had) and it is so sad to see it closing down. They have made a mistake. Glad to see it before the weeds take over, sorry I did not see it when it was fully operational.

Rick Joyce

Hazardous materials pharmacy is moving from Bldg. 280

By Roxanne Yonn
Radian International

McClellan's hazardous materials pharmacy is on the move.

Pharmacy personnel will now be at different locations. For several years, the pharmacy was located in Bldg. 280, with one-stop-customer service.

As with everything else, changes were necessary as McClellan Air

Force Base moves to base closure. Mark your calendars for Nov. 22 and list the following locations and phone numbers for hazardous material requirements:

LG, Bldg 445 — Assigning P and I numbers: 643-1687; Demand Processing: 643-4805; MICAP: 643-3030; Hazardous Material: 643-1687; Repair Cycle: 643-3614.

SG, Bioenvironmental Engineering, Bldg 250M: 643-0311 Ext. 353.

Environmental Management, Bldg 269D: 643-0228 Ext. 369

Effective Nov. 22, pharmacy processing will be as follows:

Existing licenses: continue updating via the HSMS-Y2K computer system.

New licenses: Contact LG at 643-1687 for a P and I number; Initiate the licensing process via the HSMS-Y2K computer system. Contact Rob Stahl at 643-0228 ext. 369

if you have any problems with the computer system; Deliver/send the Material Safety Data Sheet for the material to Rob Stahl at Bldg. 269D.

IMPAC Credit Cards: fax information to Rob Stahl at 643-1679.

It remains the highest priority that materials are handled and buildings are closed in a compliant manner. The central focal point for pharmacy questions is Rob Stahl, 643-0228 Ext. 369.

FOCUS Center Jobs

This section contains some of the job announcements available at the McClellan Air Foce Base FOCUS Center. For additional information, contact FOCUS Center #1 at 643-5661. FOCUS #1 is open until 7 p.m Thursdays.

Position: Loan Processing Assistant, GS-1101-05/07
Annc#: 00-09-JL
Close: Nov. 23
Location: Sacramento, CA
Agency: Small Business Administration
POC: Barbie Woods (202) 205-6780
Remarks: Copies of the vacancy announcement are available in the FOCUS Center. Review the announcement and contact the agency for KSA's and/or additional information.

Position: Investigative & Security Assistant (OA), GS-1802-05/07
Annc#: DSS-99-0210-PM
Close: Nov. 24
Location: Sacramento, CA
Agency: Defense Security Service
POC: (703) 617-0652
Remarks: Copies of the vacancy announcement are available in the FOCUS Center. Review the announcement and contact the agency for KSA's and/or additional information.

Position: Secretary (Office Automation), GS-318-06
Annc#: BOR-MP-99-214
Close: Nov. 26
Location: Sacramento, CA
Agency: Bureau of Reclamation
POC: Inga Hall (916) 978-5471
Remarks: Copies of the vacancy announcement are available in the FOCUS Center. Review the announcement and contact the agency for KSA's and/or additional information.

Position: Labor Relations Specialist, GS-233-14
Annc#: MPA 99-71
Close: Nov. 24
Location: Location of the Selectee
Agency: Veterans Health Administration
POC: Lucienne Scoggin (775) 328-1250
Remarks: Copies of the vacancy announcement are available in the FOCUS Center. Review the announcement and contact the agency for KSA's and/or additional information.

Position: Budget Analyst, GS-560-05/09
Annc#: BOR-MP-99-177A
Close: Nov. 23
Location: Willows, CA
Agency: Bureau of Reclamation
POC: Inga Hall (916) 978-5471
Remarks: Copies of the vacancy announcement are available in the FOCUS Center. Review the announcement and contact the agency for KSA's and/or additional information.

Position: Office Automation Clerk, GS-326-04/05
Annc#: ARS-X0W-0045
Close: Nov. 29
Location: Davis, CA
Agency: Dept of Agriculture
POC: (510) 559-6090
Remarks: Copies of the vacancy announcement are available in the FOCUS Center. Review the announcement and contact the agency for KSA's and/or additional information.

Position: Legal Secretary, GS-986-05/07
Annc#: 99-EDCA-15
Close: Nov 19
Location: Sacramento, CA
Agency: Dept of Justice
POC: Martha Bennett (916) 554-2749
Remarks: Copies of the vacancy announcement are available in the FOCUS Center. Review the announcement and contact the agency for KSA's and/or additional information.

Position: Secretary, GS-318-08-09
Annc#: FDA-0-0033
Close: Nov 24
Location: Oakland, CA
Agency: Food & Drug Administration
POC: Romaine Rose (301) 827-4070
Remarks: Vacancy announcements can be obtained thru USA JOBS or by calling (301) 827-4287. Review the announcement and contact the agency for KSA's and/or dditional information.

Position: Material Handling Worker, WG-6907-04
Annc#: RB-38-99
Close: Nov. 22
Location: San Francisco, CA
Agency: US Mint
POC: Karen Piotrowski (415) 575-7844
Remarks: Vacancy announcements must be requested thru USA JOBS or the FOCUS center. Review the announcement and contact the agency for KSA's and/or additional information.

Position: Contract Specialist, GS-1102-11 (**Many Vacancies**)
Annc#: STA-00-P-001-ZB
Close: Dec 3
Location: San Francisco, CA
Agency: Internal Revenue
POC: Cornelia Porter (202) 283-1756
Remarks: Copies of the vacancy announcement are available in the FOCUS Center. Review the announcement and contact the agency for KSA's and/or additional information.

Position: Contract Specialist, GS-1102-09/11
Annc#: GOGA-99-75
Close: Nov 23
Location: San Francisco, CA
Agency: National Park Service
POC: (415) 561-4770
Remarks: Copies of the vacancy announcement are available in the FOCUS Center. Review the announcement and contact the agency for KSA's and/or additional information.

Position: Program Analyst, GS-343-13 (**Many Vacancies**)
Annc#: STA-99-H-0122-L-N
Close: Nov. 23
Location: Oakland, CA Alameda, CA
Agency: Internal Revenue Service
POC: Beverly Sanders (202) 283-5592
Remarks: Copies of the vacancy announcement are available in the FOCUS Center. Review the announcement and contact the agency for KSA's and/or additional information.

Environmental Management Directorate Divestiture, Closure

By Merianne Briggs
Environmental Public Affairs

As Environmental Management draws down, it will continue to provide environmental support for other base organizations until closure and will ensure that facilities are handed over to their new owners in an environmentally compliant condition.

Currently EM oversees and directs all environmental programs in support of McClellan and its satellite areas such as the Lincoln and Davis transmitter sites and Camp Kohler. This includes environmental restoration, natural resource management, asbestos and lead management, community outreach, and environmental support functions such as hazardous waste disposal, recycling of usable hazardous materials, support of emergency spill responses, pollution prevention activities, and compliance with environmental laws.

The EM team is comprised of federal employees, military personnel, and contractors authorized by Base Realignment and Closure.

The transfer of the majority of EM functions to the Air Force Base Conversion Agency begins in March 2000 and will be complete April 2001. The only current exception is the Electric Vehicle Center of Excellence which transferred to Robins Air Force Base this summer.

EM divests of all Air Force Material Command related environmental activities on the day of base closure, July 13, 2001.

Environmental restoration activities: Target March 30, 2000.

Under EM's current Installation Restoration Program identification and cleanup of hazardous sites includ-

ing groundwater contamination is well underway.

Additionally a productive BRAC Cleanup Team of federal and state EPA representatives and Air Force personnel and an active community outreach program is in place.

All aspects of the Installation Restoration Program are working toward cleanup of the base, but complete cleanup is not expected to be reached until the year 2034.

Groundwater cleanup takes many years to accomplish using today's pump and treat technology. In some cases, such as with landfills, the Air Force is required by law to protect and monitor certain sites for 25 to 30 years.

In the interim, the Air Force is committed to following the law to complete McClellan's restoration program. On July 13, 2001, the SM-ALC responsibility to keep an active industrial complex operating within environmental laws ends; therefore, the task of restoring contaminated sites beyond closure goes to the AFBCA.

EM transfers this responsibility on March 30, 2000. The AFBCA will ensure that restoration and environmental public affairs activities continue until the base is deeded. For questions about McClellan's cleanup or community activities contact Merianne Briggs at 643-1742, Ext. 457 or check out EM's website at www.mcclellan.af.mil/EM/ for available information.

Environmental support activities: Target Sept. 30, 2000.

Many of you work with EM to complete your mission and you will be affected by the divestiture of EM. To minimize the impact, EM will create an Internal Closure Cell that will

operate from Sept. 30, 2000 to April 14, 2001 to continue to provide hazardous waste disposal support, hazardous material supplies, air and water permits, compliance monitoring, emergency spill response, and other environmental support.

This group will continue to provide all current environmental support to the Air Force directorates and base operating groups that remain during this period. EM support to tenant organizations will end Sept. 30, 2000.

Internal Closure Cell personnel will also be available to assist each organization in their own closure activities to ensure that all permits are closed properly and areas are left clean when vacated.

Rideshare assistance and internal compliance monitoring programs to include the McClellan Environmental Protection Committee also end on Sept. 30, 2000. EM will ensure that your environmental needs are met for any Air Force operations remaining after April 14, 2001.

What you will need to do:

Every organization is responsible for properly processing and disposing of its own wastes and hazardous materials. To aid in closing, please properly label and segregate your waste or hazardous materials, recycling whenever practical.

Notify EM of workloads or equipment that uses an air permit prior to moving the equipment or transferring the workload. Prepare your environmental records for transfer to EM. Make sure your work area is clean of hazardous wastes and that no hazardous materials are left behind.

EM will ensure that qualified personnel are available to help in your closure responsibilities. Tenant organizations need to take the necessary

steps to provide their own environmental support after Sept. 30, 2000. You can contact Rick Solander at 643-0830, Ext. 381 for more information.

Resources Management: Target Sept. 30, 2000.

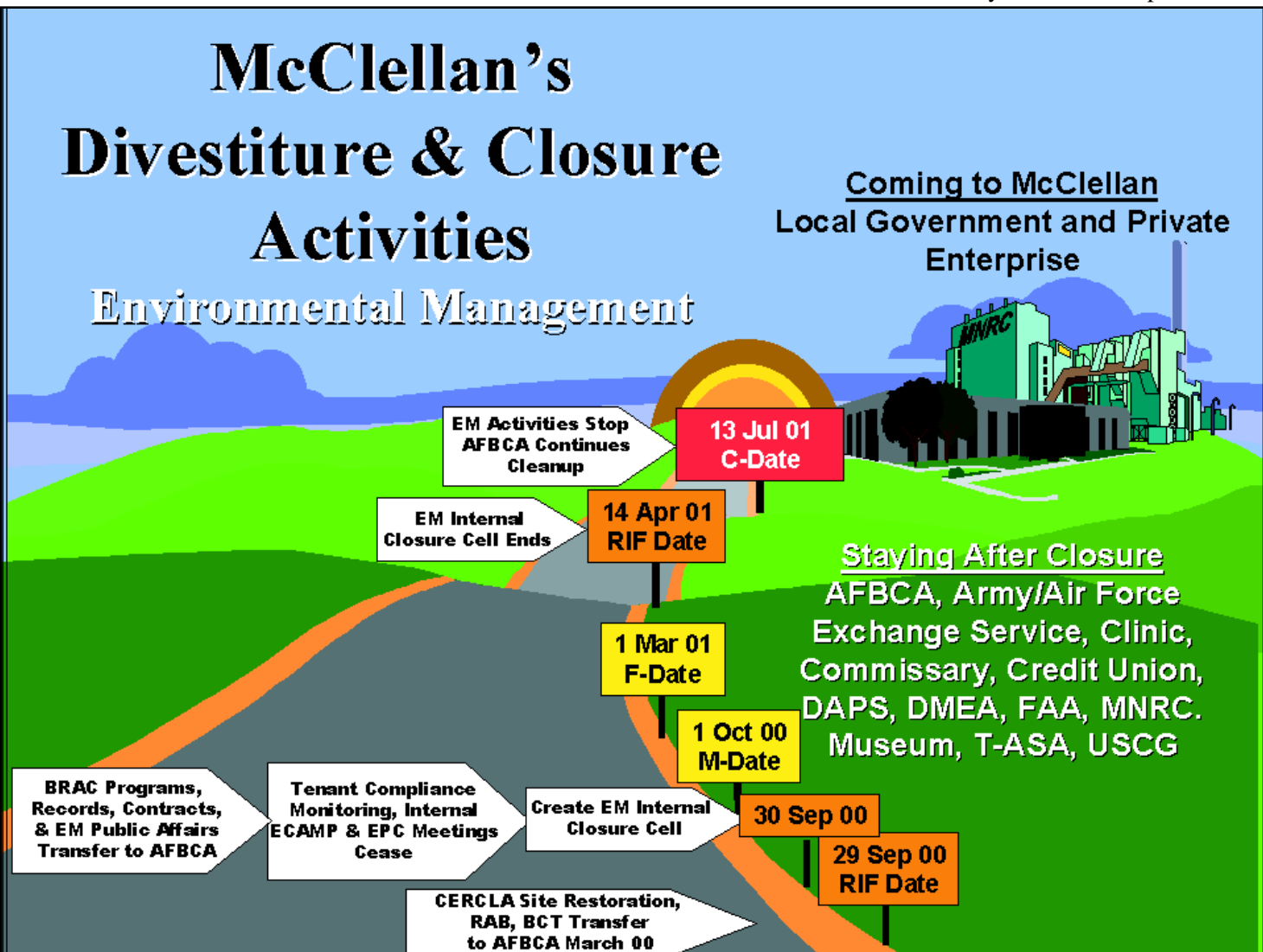
Management of McClellan's natural and cultural resources, the environmental Administrative Record and Information Repository, and the asbestos and lead program will transfer to the AFBCA on Sept. 30, 2000. AFBCA will become the protector of McClellan's naturalized areas, endangered species potential habitats, vernal pools, and historic buildings until these areas are transferred to Sacramento County stewardship. AFBCA also acquires management of EM's repository of environmental records.

These records provide information on past and planned restoration activities and are open to the public for review. For now, EM's Danny Durkee at 643-1742, Ext. 347 can provide more information about the information repository currently in Bldg 269D.

The asbestos and lead management program will continue until all buildings are transferred to Sacramento County. The Air Force Center for Environmental Excellence will manage all of the BRAC contracts in place until completion.

Merianne Briggs at 643-1742, Ext. 457 is currently available to help with your questions about any of the resource management programs.

The Air Force is committed to the protection and restoration of McClellan now and beyond base closure. EM is working hard to make your organizations divestiture a successful and compliant one.





Combat Support & Community Service
 77th Services Division, McClellan Air Force Base

Movies

Movies start at 7 p.m. , unless otherwise noted, in Bldg. 1417. Movies are subject to change.

Double Jeopardy - Friday

Starring: Tommy Lee Jones and Ashley Judd.

An action thriller about a young woman who, after serving eight years in prison, tracks down her husband who faked his own death and framed her for the murder as part of an insurance scam. (R - language, some sexuality and some violence)

The Sixth Sense - Saturday

Starring: Bruce Willis and Toni Collette

Eight-year-old Cole is haunted by a dark secret: he is visited by ghost, those with unresolved problems who appear from the shadows. While child psychologist Dr. Crowe tries to uncover the truth about Cole's supernatural abilities, a jolt awakens them both to something harrowing and unexplainable. (R - intense thematic material and violent images.)

Mystery Alaska - Sunday

Starring: Burt Reynolds and Russel Crowe.

The remote isolated mystery, Alaska, a little town on the outskirts of greatness -- may look cold and unexciting from the outside, but inside, behind closed doors mystery has all the sex scandals, hidden secrets, prying eyes and political hypocrisies of any urban den of iniquity and it has a darn good hockey team. (R - language and sexuality.)

Youth Center

■ **Thursday:** Open recreation, 2-7 p.m.; open gym, 2-3 p.m. and 4:15-7 p.m.; snack bar, 2-6 p.m.; advanced gymnastics, 3:15-4:15 p.m.; Moms, Pops, Tots play group, 10-11 a.m.; Tae Bo aerobics, 7-8 p.m., free, ages 11 and up.

■ **Friday:** Open recreation, gym, snack bar, 2-6 p.m.; Skate Night, ages 13-16, 6:30-9 p.m., \$2 members, \$4 nonmembers; members only from 6:30-7 p.m., open to all at 7 p.m.

■ **Saturday:** Open recreation, snack bar and gym, noon - 5 p.m.; A night at the movies for ages 9-12, members only, transportation provided, pay your own way to the movie, permission slips required, limit 14.

■ **Sunday:** Closed

■ **Monday:** Open recreation and open gym, 2-7 p.m.; open snack bar, 2-6 p.m.

■ **Tuesday:** Open recreation, 2-7 p.m.; open gym, 4:15 - 7 p.m.; snack bar, 2 - 6 p.m.; beginning gymnastics, 3:15-4:15 p.m.

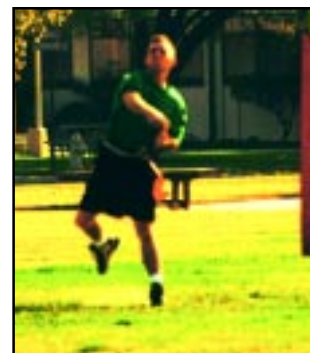
■ **Wednesday:** Open recreation, open gym, 2-7 p.m.; open snack bar, 2-6 p.m.



77th Mission Support Squadron and 77th Medical Group go head-to-head at the line of scrimmage. (Right) Senior Airman Jeremy Johnson, 77th Logistics Group, loosens up before the championship game.



77th Medical Group and 77th Mission Support Squadron go toe-to-toe in the end zone.



U.S. Air Force photos by Alica Doyle

MSS WINS THIRD STRAIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP

The 77th Mission Support Squadron made it three in a row by defeating the 77th Medical Group in this year's intramural football championship game by a score of 19-12. This hard-fought victory over the Medical Group brings the 77th MSS winning streak to an amazing 30-0. Staff Sgt. Tim Wasut, MSS coach expressed pride in the team, "Winning the championship was great but I'm happier that nobody was seriously injured this season. I would also like to thank the fans who supported us all season."


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